THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Upkeep of hygienic conditions inside the accommodation is the concern of the allottees themselves. However, the water storage tanks are cleaned at periodic intervals and the leakages/blockages in sewer lines is checked and maintained by the Department. The houses are white washed and painted both internally and externally at regular intervals subject to availability of funds, which help maintain cleanliness. Maintenance of back lanes/ roads etc. are also the responsibility of the local bodies where over 100 per cent service charges are paid to them. In areas where services are not taken over by local bodies, these are maintained properly by CPWD.

(c) The complaints with regards to repair/maintenance are monitored through the complaint registers at the various service centres of the CPWD in various Government colonies. The complaints are attended to and remedial action taken wherever required expeditiously. As the complaints are of general nature on repair and maintenance, separate numbers on improper maintenance are not maintained.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.

Sprinkler system of irrigation in the country

639. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sprinkler system of irrigation is the most feasible for use by farmers of the country; and

(b) if so, what steps are being contemplated to make it popular among the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The sprinkler system of irrigation is feasible mainly where the soils are light having high permeability and water availability is scarce.

(b) To encourage sprinkler system of irrigation, Central Government is giving financial assistance to states for providing subsidy to farmers for purchase of sprinkler irrigation equipments under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Ministy of Agriculture such as Intensive Cotton Development Programme, Oil Seeds Production Programme and National Pulses Development Project.

Sharing of river water between India Bangladesh

640. SHRI S. MADHAVAN:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details discussed during the talks held between India and Bangladesh in March, 1993 relating to sharing of Ganga river and other common rivers by the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Committee of Experts; and

(b) what are the difficulties in arriving at an agreement on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The issues related with river water sharing over long-term and short-term between India and Bangladesh were discussed during the second meeting of the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Committee of Ex-